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The number of volumes in the Library is	73,507
General Library	56,706
Lewis Library	13,373
S. D. Gross Library	3,211
Obstetrical Society Library	217
In addition to these volumes there are	
Unbound "Reports" and "Transactions"	8,798
Unbound "Theses" and "Dissertations"	20,978
Unbound Pamphlets	56,116

Included in the number of volumes there are 1954 duplicates of some of the more important periodical publications retained as reserves to replace books that are worn out by frequent use, otherwise few duplicates are retained. They are disposed of, by sale or exchange, as rapidly as possible.

More than two thousand volumes have been received, but there is not a corresponding increase in the total number reported, because, to gain room, many books not strictly medical have been disposed of and a number treating of the same subjects have been bound together. Also 7561 pamphlets and 36,152 numbers of various medical periodicals have been received.

The Library receives regularly, by purchase or exchange, 486 periodical publications, including "Transactions" and "Reports," 97 American and 389 foreign, procured as follows:

	American.	Foreign.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund	0	23
William T. Carter Fund	0	6
John D. Griscom Fund	4	33
S. D. Gross Library Account	0	5
William F. Jenks Fund	2	29
Journal Association	1	12
Oliver A. Judson Fund	0	5
William W. Keen Fund	2	14
Library Endowment Fund	3	124

	American.	Foreign.
Weir Mitchell Fund	1	31
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund	0	5
Lewis Rodman Fund	0	11
John F. Weightman Fund	0	4
Caspar Wistar Fund	3	9
By Purchase	2	16
In Exchange	79	62

Also current numbers of 339 periodicals—the gifts of editors and publishers, and the exchanges of the following journals presented to the Library by the editors:

American Journal of the Medical Sciences.
College and Clinical Record.
Medical Council.
Medical and Surgical Reporter.
Monthly Cyclopedia of Practical Medicine.
Therapeutic Gazette.
University of Pennsylvania Medical Bulletin.

We now exchange publications with the following schools:

University of	Berlin.	University of	Halle.
"	Bern.	"	Heidelberg.
"	Bonn.	"	Kiel.
"	Breslau.	"	Königsberg.
"	Erlangen.	"	Leipzig.
"	Giessen.	"	Marburg.
"	Göttingen.	"	Rostock.
"	Greifswald.	"	Strassburg.

Faculty of Medicine of Nancy.
" " " Rio de Janeiro.
" " " Toulouse.

One thousand four hundred and thirty-three inaugural dissertations have been received.

Of the 586 new books added to the Library, forty-one were written or edited by Fellows of the College, and twenty-six were presented by the following authors and editors:

Dr. Paul Bartholow (Editor),	Dr. G. M. Gould (Editor),
Dr. A. C. Bernays,	Dr. H. A. Hare,
Dr. J. C. Da Costa (Editor),	Dr. Edward Jackson,
Dr. Franz Erben,	Dr. George Ben Johnston.

Dr. Howard A. Kelly,
Dr. M. Landolt,
Dr. Henry Leffmann,
Dr. W. J. McKnight,
Dr. Edward Martin,
Dr. Prince A. Morrow,
Dr. Austin O'Malley,
Dr. G. W. Overall,
Dr. J. R. Parke,
Messrs. R. L. Polk & Co. (Editors),
Dr. H. O. Reik,
Dr. J. F. Russell,
Dr. B. Sachs,
Dr. H. R. Wharton,
Dr. J. William White,
Dr. R. N. Willson.

Twenty-one volumes were sent by the Publishers at the request of the following authors or editors:

Dr. A. P. Brubaker,
Dr. W. M. L. Coplin,
Dr. W. A. N. Dorland,
Dr. J. Norman Henry,
Dr. Barton Cooke Hirst,
Dr. Henry Leffmann,
Dr. Guthrie McConnell,
Dr. Joseph McFarland,
Dr. Henry Morris,
Dr. W. C. Posey (Editor),
Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz,
Dr. W. G. Spiller (Editor),
Dr. Louis Starr,
Dr. H. W. Stelwagon,
Dr. Alfred Stengel,
Dr. A. A. Stevens,
Dr. T. Turner Thomas,
Dr. James Thorington,
Dr. E. Q. Thornton,
Dr. James Tyson,
Dr. James K. Young.

The "Donors" during the year number 288. Those who presented twenty-five volumes or more are:

Dr. William W. Keen	118	volumes
Dr. H. A. Hare	89	"
Various Contributors through the Library of the University of Pennsylvania	77	"
Bureau of Health, Philadelphia	52	"
Dr. J. C. Reeve (Dayton, Ohio)	31	"
American Medicine Publishing Company	29	"
Dr. Morris J. Lewis	29	"
Dr. R. A. F. Penrose	26	"
Dr. Louis Starr	25	"

From the Publishing houses of:

P. Blakiston's Son & Company	29	"
F. A. Davis Company	13	"
Lea Brothers & Company	3	"
J. B. Lippincott Company	14	"
W. B. Saunders Company	35	"
William Wood & Company	1	"

A great number of pamphlets and journals were presented by the following:

Dr. O. H. Allis.
Dr. W. H. Bennett,
Dr. H. W. Cattell,
Dr. S. Solis Cohen,
Dr. Edward P. Davis,
Dr. G. G. Davis,
Dr. A. A. Eshner,
Dr. Rebecca Fleisher,
Dr. L. F. Flick,
Dr. C. H. Frazier,
Dr. J. P. Crozer Griffith,
Dr. S. McC. Hamill,
Dr. H. A. Hare,
Dr. G. C. Harlan,
Dr. C. J. Hatfield,
Dr. F. P. Henry,
Mrs. Rush Huidekoper,
Dr. W. W. Keen,
Dr. A. O. J. Kelly,
Dr. W. W. Leach,
Dr. Morris J. Lewis,
Dr. Eugene Lindauer,
Dr. Morris Longstreth,
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Dr. J. K. Mitchell,
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Dr. C. P. Noble,
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Dr. R. C. Norris,
Dr. C. A. Oliver,
Dr. F. R. Packard,
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Dr. William T. Shoemaker,
Dr. Wharton Sinkler,
Dr. John M. Swan,
Dr. C. F. Taylor,
Dr. J. J. Taylor,
Dr. E. Q. Thornton,
Dr. W. H. Trueman,
Dr. James B. Walker,
Dr. H. R. Wharton,
Dr. J. William White,
Dr. C. S. Witherstine,
Dr. H. C. Wood,
Dr. Frank Woodbury,
Dr. William Zentmayer.

American Medicine Publishing Company.
P. Blakiston's Son & Company.
J. B. Lippincott Company.
Pathological Society of Philadelphia.
W. B. Saunders Company.
John Wyeth & Brother.

The amounts expended for the purchase of books by the various Funds are as follows:

Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund, 66 volumes . . .	$240.35
Luther S. Bent Fund, 23 volumes	47.33
William T. Carter Fund, 72 volumes	201.74
John D. Griscom Fund, 71 volumes	260.21
William F. Jenks Fund, 55 volumes	278.25
Oliver A. Judson Fund, 9 volumes	51.78
William V. and John M. Keating Fund, 14 volumes . .	35.65

William W. Keen Fund, 51 volumes	$161.26
Library Endowment Fund, 166 volumes	679.28
Weir Mitchell Fund, 51 volumes	173.57
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund, 3 volumes	30.58
Lewis Rodman Fund, 49 volumes	280.10
John F. Weightman Fund, 6 volumes	25.11
Caspar Wistar Fund, 44 volumes	199.70

Special Accounts:

Fund for completing files of journals, 32 volumes	72.90
Journal Association, 24 volumes	149.59
New Book Fund, 35 volumes	68.64
J. Ewing Mears Account, 17 volumes	78.27
S. D. Gross Library Account, 16 volumes	92.16

From the George B. Wood Library Fund $300.44 has been expended for library supplies, stationery, etc.

One thousand six hundred and ten volumes have been bound.

There have been 7378 visits to the Library recorded, of these 3175 were made by the Fellows of the College. 21,864 volumes have been consulted beside those taken directly from the shelves by Fellows, of which no record can be kept. 5332 books have been taken out. 2838 works and 1108 volumes have been catalogued and 8164 cards have been written during the year.

All books and the more important pamphlets received during the year have been catalogued, and the work on old pamphlets bound in volumes has been completed.

The Committee appropriated $240 for the classification of the pamphlets accumulated during the past seventeen years; this work will be completed during the present year, including the additions of 1905 and 1906 (16,082). 20,952 cards have been revised, type-written, and indexed during the year.

At the request of the Library Committee the College, at its meeting of December 6, 1905, authorized the Librarian to solicit contributions to defray the expense of completing the revision of the catalogue of the Library. Within six weeks' time the Librarian had obtained subscriptions of sufficient amount to complete the work of revision; these subscriptions to be paid in full; or, in three payments as best suited the subscribers. About three-fifths of the amount subscribed has been received.

This year the books of the entire Library have been examined and compared with the shelf-list. At the last stock-taking (1904) three books were reported as missing, viz.:

1. Army Medical Department Report 1882, v. 24, London, 1884.
2. Galen, C. De l'usage des parties du corps humaine, 16°, Lyon, 1566.
3. de La Condamine, C. M. History of Inoculation, 12°, New Haven, 1754.

One of these (Galen) was found later, the others have not been found and, as yet, we have been unable to replace them. This year two books are reported as missing, viz.:

1. Allbutt, T. C., and Teale, T. P. Clinical Lectures on Scrofulous Neck and on Surgery of Scrofulous Glands. 8°, London, 1885.

2. Mallory, F. B., and Wright, J. H. Pathological Technique. Third edition. 8°, Phila., Saunders, 1904.

One of these (Mallory and Wright) has been replaced through the courtesy of the publishers.

With the books piled and crowded, and scattered in fifteen rooms and galleries, it is impossible to exercise proper supervision, and it is remarkable that more are not mislaid or lost. Great credit is due to the employés of the Library for their faithful, careful, and efficient work under the present discouraging conditions.

As considerable time must yet be passed in our present quarters, the need of additional shelf room is imperative, and your Committee hope that the College may grant the use of the meeting-room on the first floor for temporary shelving.

The accompanying balance sheet of the Treasurer shows the receipts and expenditures.

The current expenses of the Library, aside from the purchase of books, for the coming year are estimated at $5343.

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